



DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL, INC.

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March 12th - UPDATE ON COVID-19

Montgomery, Alabama - March 12, 2020 – The COVID-19 virus is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is actively updating information as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance. With each passing hour there are more reports of activities being suspended to curb the spread of the virus. Currently some areas of the country are experiencing more of an impact from the virus than others. **Dixie Youth Baseball strongly recommends that all leagues follow the lead of their local governments and school boards when determining the best course of action for their community.** We understand that this is a very fluid situation and Dixie Youth Baseball will take whatever steps necessary to preserve the season if at all possible.

All participants in Dixie Youth Baseball events should be aware of the risk and take the necessary precautions to avoid exposure to germs. This includes maintaining good hygiene practices. We strongly recommend washing your hands often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time, using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available, covering your mouth and nose with a tissue, if possible, when coughing or sneezing.

Dixie Youth Baseball is immediately instituting a precautionary “**no-contact policy**” to be observed until further notice. This includes all physical contact, such as pre-game coaches’ handshakes, umpire-coach introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams.